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DiMAGE G500

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Introduction

This Quick Guide explains only basic operations of this product. For detailed explanation and specification, please refer to the "DiIMAGE G500, DiIMAGE Viewer INSTRUCTION MANUAL" on the included INSTRUCTION MANUAL CD-ROM. (For viewing the "DiIMAGE G500, DiIMAGE Viewer INSTRUCTION MANUAL" on your PC, see p.11, p.12 and p.13.)

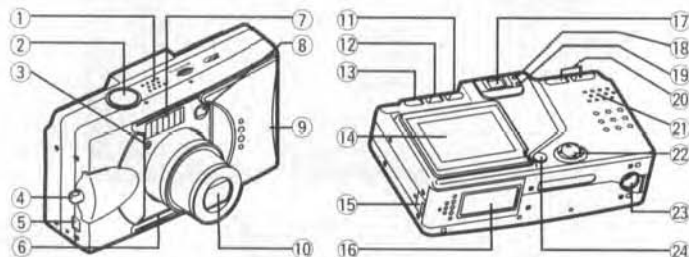
Although careful attention has been given for the safety of this product, please read the safety precautions explained in the "DiIMAGE G500, DiIMAGE Viewer INSTRUCTION MANUAL" for the correct usage.

Checking the Packing Contents

The following accessories should be packed with your new camera;

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| • Lithium-ion battery | • USB cable | • Quick Guide |
| • Battery Charger | • 2 CD-ROMs | • Warranty card |
| • Power Supply cord | • Strap | • SD Memory Card |

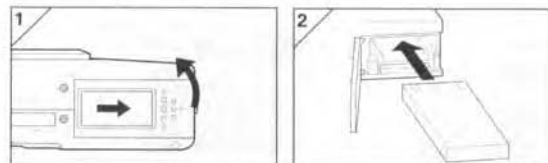
Names of Parts



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| ① Microphone | ⑩ Lens | ⑱ Green LED |
| ② Shutter Button | ⑪ Delete Button | ⑲ Red LED |
| ③ Light Sensor | ⑫ Display Button | ⑳ Zoom Button |
| ④ Strap Holder | ⑬ Play Button | ㉑ Speaker |
| ⑤ USB Terminal | ⑭ LCD Monitor | ㉒ 4-way Button |
| ⑥ Self-timer LED | ⑮ Battery Sub-cap | (⬅➡⬆⬇) |
| ⑦ Flash | ⑯ Battery/Card Cover | ㉓ Tripod Socket |
| ⑧ Viewfinder Window | ⑰ Viewfinder Eyepiece | ㉔ Menu/Set Button |
| ⑨ Lens Cover
(Main Switch) | | |

Installing the (supplied) Battery Pack

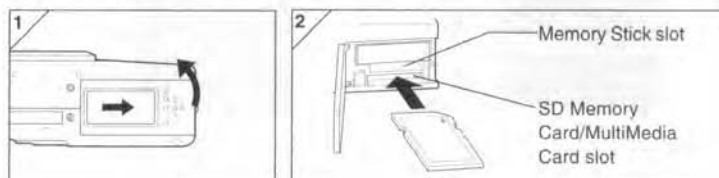
Before installing or changing battery packs, close the lens cover, check that the LCD monitor is not lit and turn off all switches.



1. Open the battery/card cover by sliding it in the direction of the arrow.
2. Install the battery with the terminals facing inside the camera. After making sure the battery pack is properly installed, close the battery/card cover securely.

Installing the card

- Close the lens cover and turn the power to OFF.
- A commercially available recording media such as SD memory card, MultiMedia card, or Memory stick is required for saving the picture image data.



1. Open the battery/card cover.
2. With the camera and the label of the card facing up, insert the card with the knocked out part first into the slot and push in until a click is heard.
3. Close the battery/card cover.



Card removal

1. Open the battery/card cover.
2. Press the card until a clicking sound is heard again. The card will unlock and eject.
3. Close the battery/card cover.

Setting the Menu Language/Date and Time

When using the camera for the first time, set the menu display language and time/date using the procedures shown below.

Make sure that either the AC adapter is connected or that there is enough battery power.



1. Turn the power on by either opening the lens cover or pressing the PLAY button.

The language selection screen will automatically appear on the LCD monitor. By pressing ▼ or ▲, select the desired language and push the MENU/SET button.



2. You will be prompted to confirm your language selection; confirm the selected "YES" by pressing the MENU/SET button.

* Once you have finished language selection, the next screen "DATE SET" will appear.



3. With "YEAR" selected, use ◀ or ▶ to adjust to the appropriate year.



4. (1) Once the "YEAR" has been adjusted, press ▼ to move to the "MONTH" setting mode.

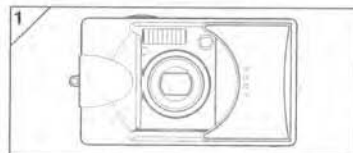
(2) Use ◀ or ▶ to adjust the month in the same way as Step 3.

* By repeating procedures (1) and (2) above, adjust the date-and-time setting, and set the date format.



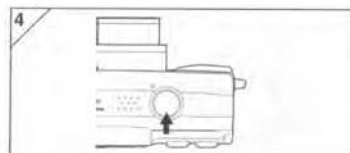
5. Once you have finished making all of the settings, press the MENU/SET button.

Taking Pictures

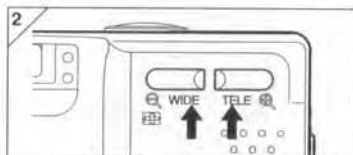


- 1) Opening the lens cover turns ON the power.

* When the power comes ON, the LCD monitor will be on. If you will be using the viewfinder, to conserve your battery, press the DISPLAY button and the LCD monitor will turn off.



- 4) Take a picture by pressing the shutter button further. When it makes a sound, the shot has been taken, and the image will be recorded on the card (or built-in memory).

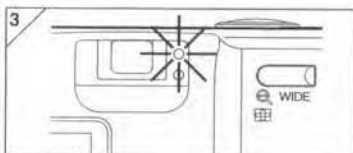


- 2) Looking through the viewfinder, compose the photo you wish to take and determine the size of the subject using the zoom buttons.

- 5) During recording to the card, the red LED and the self-timer LED on the front of the camera will come on, and the green LED will flash. Once the red and green LEDs disappear, the recording has finished.

Do not open the battery/card cover while the red and green LEDs are flashing.

- 6) When you are finished taking pictures, close the lens cover and turn OFF the power supply.



- 3) Press the shutter button half way and the green LED will light, indicating that the focus and exposure are locked.

Daytime (normal) shooting distances

Wide-angle	0.5m (1.6ft) to ∞
Telephoto	0.8m (2.6ft) to ∞

Taking pictures using the LCD monitor

You can take a picture while looking at the LCD monitor as well as the viewfinder.



1. Once the power supply is turned on by opening the lens cover, the LCD monitor will come on, and a through image (the image taken through the lens) will be projected.
2. While looking at the LCD monitor, compose and take your photo.

Shooting Movies

You can take a movie with sound for approximately 30 seconds. Your camera records an image with a 320 × 240 pixel count.

Please view the LCD monitor while shooting your movies.



1. Turn the power ON, with the LCD monitor on (through image display). Pressing the MENU/SET button will display the REC menu screen.



2. Select "MOVIE ON" by pressing ▼ or ▲, and then press ►.



3. The display returns to the through image, with movie information displayed as in screen 3. In this screen you can start taking a movie.
 - When you are not recording a movie, press the MENU/SET button, select "MOVIE OFF" and then press ► button.



4. When you press the shutter button, your movie will start recording.
 - When the remaining time runs out, the camera stops recording automatically. If you wish to stop while the camera is recording, simply press the shutter button again.

Selecting the Image Size

You can select from among four image sizes.



1. Turn the power ON, with the LCD monitor on (through image display). Pressing the MENU/SET button will display the REC menu screen.



2. Select "RESOLUTION" by pressing ▼ or ▲, and then press ►.



3. Use ▼ or ▲ to select image size or compressions ratio, then press ►.



4. Select the image size. Use ▼ or ▲ to select the desired image size, then press either ► or the MENU/SET button. You will return to screen 3 with your chosen size displayed.

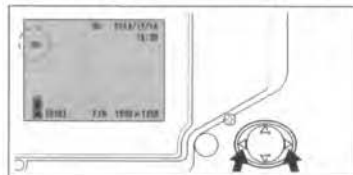


5. Selecting the compression ratio. Use ▼ or ▲ to select the desired compression ratio, then press either ► or the MENU/SET button. You will return to screen 3 with your chosen compression ratio displayed.

Standard number of pictures you can take in each mode (without sound or motion)

Image Size	Compression Ratio	Using a 64 MB SD Memory Card
2592 × 1944	FINE	About 30 Photos
	NORMAL	About 51 Photos
2048 × 1536	FINE	About 53 Photos
	NORMAL	About 85 Photos
1600 × 1200	FINE	About 91 Photos
	NORMAL	About 160 Photos
640 × 480	FINE	About 320 Photos
	NORMAL	About 640 Photos

Selecting the Shooting Mode



AUTO Mode (Standard mode)

The flash will operate automatically when it is dark.
No symbol will be displayed on the LCD monitor.

Red-Eye Reduction

Preliminary flashing is performed before the actual flash to reduce the red-eye phenomenon.

Fill-In

Regardless of the brightness of the surroundings, the flash will always come on.
Use this mode when shooting a subject with a background of a night or evening view.

Slow Sync

Use this mode when shooting a subject with a background of a night or evening view.

Off (Flash Override)

Use this mode for places (such as museum) where flash is prohibited, or when taking a picture of a night view, or taking a picture using indoor lighting.

Selecting different shooting modes enables you to create the best shooting condition for your subject.

1. Turn the power on so that the LCD monitor is lit.
2. By pressing ◀ or ▶, bring up the desired shooting mode symbol on the LCD monitor.

Macro-photo mode

Use this mode when you want to be close to the subject.

Macro-photo Mode Shooting Distances

Focus Distance	Shooting Distance
Wide-Angle	6cm (2.4in.) to ∞
Telephoto	0.5m (1.6ft) to ∞

Distant View mode

Use this mode when shooting a distant subject, such as scenery or buildings.

Self-Timer mode

Use a tripod.
When the shutter button is pressed, the self-timer LED comes on, and after 10 seconds, a picture will be shot.

Self-Timer + Macro-photo mode

Self-Timer + Distant View mode

Playback



You can play back previously-recorded images on the LCD monitor.

1. Press the PLAY button and the last recorded photo will be played back on the LCD monitor.
 2. Every time you press ◀ or ▶, the previous or next photo will be played back.
- When the camera's power is OFF, hold down the PLAY button for more than 2 seconds.

Playing Back Movies



1. After pressing the PLAY button, use ◀ or ▶ to select the movie you wish to see.
2. If you press the shutter button, the movie images will be played back. When playback is finished, the display returns to screen 1.

• If you want to stop during playback, press the shutter button again.

Erasing the Playback Image

You can erase playback images (one frame or all).



1. After pressing the PLAY button, use ◀ or ▶ to select the image you wish to erase.

- If you wish to erase all frames, it doesn't matter which image is displayed.



2. Press the DELETE button and a screen appears indicating the media type to be erased and prompting you to select the frame range. Press ◀ or ▶ to select "THIS" (the selected image) or "ALL", and press the MENU/SET button.



3. Once erasing starts, the "THIS DELETE..." screen is displayed. When the process is finished, the display returns to the playback image.

Installing the attached INSTRUCTION MANUAL CD-ROM

1. Windows

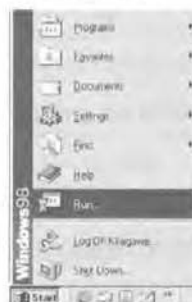
- OS : Preinstalled versions of Microsoft Windows 98, Windows 98SE, Windows XP, Windows 2000 Professional or Windows Me
- Memory : 16MB or more of available RAM (32MB or more recommended)
- Display : 32,000 colors or more, resolution of 640 × 480 pixels or higher
- Others : CD-ROM drive, USB port (standard equipped)

2. Macintosh

- OS : Mac OS 9.0-9.2/Mac OS X v 10.0.4-10.2
- CPU : PowerPC or more
- Memory : 16MB or more of available RAM (32MB or more recommended)
- Display : 32,000 colors or more, resolution of 640 × 480 pixels or higher
- Others : CD-ROM drive, USB port (standard equipped)

Installing the DiMAGE G500, DiMAGE Viewer INSTRUCTION MANUAL

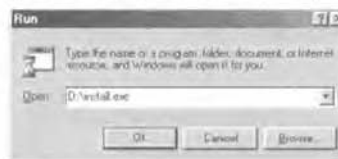
1. Windows



- Be sure to install.

- 1) Turn on the PC power and start Windows.
- 2) Set the included INSTRUCTION MANUAL CD-ROM in the CD-ROM drive.
- 3) Click the Start button and select "Run..."

- 4) Enter "D:\install.exe" and click "OK".



- The above assumes that your CD-ROM is D. To check the CD-ROM drive letter of your PC, open "My Computer" and check the letter displayed on the CD-ROM drive icon.

- 5) Check to see that "Adobe Acrobat Reader" and "DiMAGE G500, DiMAGE Viewer INSTRUCTION MANUAL" in the "MINOLTA DiMAGE G500 setup menu" are checked and click "OK".



- 6) Software checked in 5) will be installed in order. Follow the onscreen guidance to continue the installation.

Note: Clicking "Cancel" during the installation process will cancel installation. In this case, perform the installation again.

However, do not restart the PC until all the installations have been completed.

- 7) When all of the software checked in 5) have been installed, the "MINOLTA DiMAGE G500 Setup Menu" screen will appear. Click "OK" to finish the installation process.



Viewing the DiMAGE G500, DiMAGE Viewer INSTRUCTION MANUAL

- 1) Double click the "DiMAGE G500, DiMAGE Viewer INSTRUCTION MANUAL" icon on the desktop.
- 2) The DiMAGE G500, DiMAGE Viewer INSTRUCTION MANUAL will be displayed.

2. Macintosh

QuickTime installation is not necessary.

Installing the Adobe Acrobat Reader

- Be sure to install if Adobe Acrobat Reader is not already installed in your PC. And it is not necessary to install the Adobe Acrobat Reader for Mac OS X users.

- 1) Turn on the power of your PC, and set the included INSTRUCTION MANUAL CD-ROM in the CD-ROM drive.

- 2)  Double click the "Minolta" icon.

- 3)  Double click the "Adobe" icon.

- 4)  Double click the "English" icon.

- 5)  Double click the "Acrobat Reader Installer" icon.

- 6) Follow the instructions shown on the screen.

Installing the DiMAGE G500, DiMAGE Viewer INSTRUCTION MANUAL

- Be sure to install.

- 1) Set the included INSTRUCTION MANUAL CD-ROM in the CD-ROM drive.

- 2)  Double click the "Minolta" icon.

- 3)  Double click the "Manual" folder.

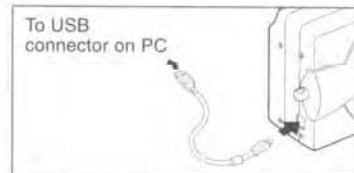
- 4)  Copy "G500_EG.PDF" to a location of your choice.

- 5) Double click the copied "G500_EG.PDF" to display the "DiMAGE G500, DiMAGE Viewer INSTRUCTION MANUAL".

Installing USB Driver Software

- Install the software only if you are using Windows 98 or Windows 98SE. If you are using another OS, you do not need to install this.
- Turn OFF the power supply to the camera.

- 1) Turn on the PC power and start Windows.
- 2) When Windows desktop screen appears, connect the camera and PC using the USB cable.



- 3) Turn the camera's power switch to ON. The "Add New Hardware Wizard" screen will appear.



- 4) Insert the DiIMAGE Viewer CD-ROM supplied into the CD-ROM drive.

- 5) Click "Search for the best driver for your device (Recommended)." and then click "Next".



- 6) Click "Specify a location:" and input "D:\". Click "Next".



- Here, the CD-ROM drive is assumed to be drive D. Use a different letter if appropriate.
- The INF file necessary for the install is located in "D:\".
- When searching a different location, click "Browse".

- 7) Click "Next".



- 8) Click "Finish". The USB device driver is now installed.



Downloading (transferring) Images

- If you are using Windows 98 or Windows 98SE, first install the "USB device driver software" (attached DiIMAGE Viewer CD-ROM).

- 1) Turn on the power supply to your PC, and start up Windows or Mac OS, and connect your camera and PC with USB cable.
- 2) If you are using Windows, open "My Computer" and double-click the newly created icon "removable device". If you are using Mac, a "Undefined Name" icon will be displayed on the desktop.
- 3) Double-click the "DCIM" folder.
- 4) If you double-click "100MLT35", the image file icon will be displayed.
 - The first 3-digit number of "100MLT35" differs depending on the directory in the card.
- 5) If you double-click the file, the image will be displayed. When saving the file, copy it to where you want to save it.

Installing QuickTime (for Windows)

To playback moving images, you need playback software such as QuickTime. If you do not have QuickTime, install it from the bundled DiIMAGE Viewer CD-ROM.

- 1) Set the DiIMAGE Viewer CD-ROM in the CD-ROM drive.
- 2) Click "Starting the QuickTime installer".
- 3) Follow the instructions on the screen to complete installation.

QuickTime system requirements

IBM PC / AT Compatible
Pentium-based computer
Windows 95, 98, 98SE, NT, Me, 2000 Professional, or XP.
32MB or more of RAM
Sound Blaster or compatible sound card
DirectX 3.0 or later recommended

Macintosh users can download the latest version of QuickTime free of charge from the Apple Computer web site: <http://www.apple.com>.